UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Pennsylvania

PHs Sigh Division

	Case No.	2:21-cv-8+0	
Justin m. Miller	,)	(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)	
Plaintiff(s) (Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.) -V- COW - Laura W: SGT - Gillespie C.O Wagner Megan Lebakken-MHS		JUL 1 2 2021 CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	
Defendant(s) (Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.))))	FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

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Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

All other names by which
you have been known:

ID Number

Current Institution

Address

Occ No-163590

Allegheny (ounty Jail
Address

PA 15219

City State Zip Code

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1	
Name	Laura Williams
Job or Title (if known)	Chief Deputy Warden of Medical Services
Shield Number	
Employer	Allegheny County Jail
Address	950 2nd Ave
7 tudi oss	Pittsburgh PA 15219
	City State Zip Code
	Individual capacity Official capacity
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Defendant No. 2	
Defendant No. 2	
Name .	Gillespie
Job or Title (if known)	Sargeant
Shield Number	J
Employer	Alleghony County Jail
Address	950 2nd Ave
radioss	Pittsburgh PA 15219
	City State Zip Code
	Individual capacity Official capacity
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		Defendant No. 3 Name Job or Title (if known) Shield Number Employer Address	Wagner Correction (Officer Alleghen (ounty Jail aso second Ave Pittsburgh PA 15219 City State Zip Code Mindividual capacity Official capacity
		Defendant No. 4 Name Job or Title (if known) Shield Number Employer Address	Megan Lebakkon Mental Health Specialist Allegheny (ounty Jail 450 Second Ave Pittsburgh PH 15219 City State Zip Code X Individual capacity Official capacity
П.	Under dimmun Federa	ities secured by the Constitution and I Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (ational rights. Are you bringing suit against (check of State or local officials (a § 198). Section 1983 allows claims alleging the Constitution and [federal laws].	n)
	C.	Plaintiffs suing under Rivens may o	nly recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you tutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal

I	D.	Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under <i>Bivens</i> , explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.
		See Attached p. 1, 1A
.]	Prison	ner Status
]	Indica	te whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (check all that apply):
	X	Pretrial detainee
		Civilly committed detainee
[Immigration detainee
[Convicted and sentenced state prisoner
[Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner
[Other (explain)
S	Statem	ent of Claim
ai fi ai	illeged urther iny cas	s briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite ses or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain ent of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.
A	Α.	If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose
		N/A
	3	If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.
В		Claim No I - Allegheny County Jail - 12/12/20 to 12/14/20 Claim No Z - Allegheny County Jail - 12/12/20 to 12/18/20

Neferdant - CDW Laura Williams

Laura Williams is a county employee, employed by ACJ, which is overseen by Allesheng lounty officials in Pennsylvania. She is head of all Healthcare Services. She helps define policies within the ACJ and oversees treatments and issues within these departments. She responds to medical codes when appropriate and helps define how individual situations are handled.

Defendant - SGT. Gillespie

SGT. Gillespie Is a county employee, employed by the HEJ, which is overscen by Alleghery county officials in Pennsylvania. Ite is a Savgeant trained to respond to issues within the ACJ and report situations to higher ranking staff if heeded. He is trained on policies and procedures implemented by the HCJ

Defendant - C.O. Wagner

C.D. Wagner is a country employee, employed by the ACJ, which is overscen by Allegheny Country officials in Pennsylvania. He is trained to respond to immates and relay medical and mental health needs to the appropriate staff. He is trained on policies and procedures by ACJ. Defendant - MHS Megan Lebalsker

Megan Lebakken is an employee within the ACJ

as a Mental Health Specialist. She responds to the
needs of mental health patients or any inmate
needing assistance with mental health. She can
elect medical staff, doctors, and other employees of
ACJ staff over concerns of an inmate. She is
trained on policies and procedures within the
ACJ.

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- C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?

 Claim 1 12/12/20 at 11:00pm to 12/14/20 at 11:00am

 Claim 2 12/12/20 at 11:30am to 12/18/20 at 5:30pm
- D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?)

See Attached - p.2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 20, 2E

V. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

No Injunes

VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

Monetory Damages - \$ 50,000.00

Punitive Damages - These violations were done by intentionally

neglecting to do the jobs assigned to them which

resulted in threse civil rights violations. Some officese

acts were done with malicious behavior.

I nunctive Relief - To be safe from fiture civil rights violations.

Claim 1 - Suicide Watch Policy

On 12-12-20 while housed on Pod &E cell 208 in solitary confinement I alorted correctional officers I was suicidal. At that point Michelle K the mental health therapist and SGT. Gillespie responded. I talked to Michelle K. and SGT. Gillespie that I was suicide, I and didn't feel safe with myself. I'm a mental health patient within the jail being treated for anxiety disorder and PTSD, I'm on various inedications for this. SGT. Gillespie then had me dressed out into a suicide gowin and had my cell 208 decred of all items and told me " there was no room on Mental health Pods 5C or 50 and its my fault I became surcidal, I will be staying in solitary. CDW Laura Williams was notified of this due to her being in change of all Healthcare Services. It's in my medical records that Michelle K MHS fried to get me woved to the appropriate Pol 5C for observation twice, There was no observation camera in my cell there is no mental health staff present in solitary, or 15 minute suicide watch rounds. The call button is never answered, I was kept there against ACT suicide watch policy. At 8:00pm I alerted SGT. Fillespie I was having chest pains and alerted C.O. Kessker as well. Continued p2A

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No 15 minute suicide watch rounds were being done: Medical response time wasn't until 4:15 pm At. 4:30pm there still wasn't any 15 minute rounds being completed on time. At 8:00pm I asked for mental health and medical that I was having chast pains, Medical Came at 8:55 pm, which I asked for help that no mental health was quarlable end that no 15 minte rounds were being done On 12-13-20, 7×3 shift grands were not doing 15 minute suicide vatch rounds. At 7:00 am I asked for medical, for chest pains, there response time 9:00am. COW Laura Williams is involved in making sure response times for chast pains is in the appropriate policy times, which I hours later is not appropriate and against policy. At 9:30 am the Psychiatrist came to discuss my Suicidal Phoughts. She asked if I felt Safe with my access to help, I told her I didn't because Staff wasn't answering the call button or doing 15. ininute rounds. She stated that she would alert Laura Williams, At 3:00pm I asked for Mental Health and Medical that I was having Chest pains, Medical. response time was 4:30pm and mental health never came, Continued p. 2B

Continued Claim 1 p. 2A

They have an unwritten policy of ignoring pleadings for help, At 11:00pm I asked C.O. Breler fer mental health and medical for chest pains. At 11:20 pm Darlene from mental health came, I stated I don't feel safe is here and I'm being mistrested and I need to talk", she started your fine" and left At 11:40pm medical came to do an ekg end do blood pressure check, My blood pressure was 145/101 and 133/104. No medication was given when I said my blood pressure's been bothering me. On 12-14-20 the 7+3 shift is still not doing 15 minute suicide watch vounds, At 8. Odam I was having thest pains and asked for medical, response time was 9:00 am, my blood pressure was 148/96, At 9:00 am I asked staff for mental health . There Vesponse time was 11:00 am. I was seen by Thomas Patts the Psychiatrist to remove me from suicide watch During this time my life was put in danger and ACT suicide watch policy was violated by CAW Laura Williams and SET. Gillespie when he effort was made to house me is the proper Mental Health unot

Continued Claim 2 p. 2C

Claim 2 Hunger Strike Policy

While in solitary confinement Pol 85 (ell 208 on 12-12-20 at 11:30 gm I refused meal 1 of the hunger strike I went on. At 3:45 pm I refused meal 2. On 12-13-20 at 6:30 am I refused meal 3. At 11:30 gm I refused ment 4. At 3:30 pm I refused men 15. On 12-14-20 at 6:30 am I refused meal 6. At 11:30 gm I refused meal 7. At 4:00pm I refused meal 8. On 12-15-20 at 6:50 am I refused men 19, after retusal of ment 9 ACT policy is to move you to 50 or 50 for medical observation. This Was not done At 11:35 am I refused meal 10. At 4:00pm I refused meal 11. Around 4:15pm gnother inmate on a hunger strike, Jeff Baver was moved into my cell 208. Around 5:00pm my vater and tollet were shot off from correctional officer's Stating there higher ups told them to do this . Jeff Bover is my witness to this This is an unwritten policy to "break inmates. This hungerstrike is overseen by COW Laura Williams being that she is incharge of all health care Services. At 7:30pm I was told I would be moved with my cell make Jeff Baver to pod 50 or 50 for observation. Around 8:30pm I was moved to Pod SC cell 1. On 12-16-20 I refused meal 12. Continued p. 20

Continued Claim 2 p.2C

Throughout the day I asked Psychiatrist Thomas Patt I needed help and various nouse's I needed medical. There response was your on a hunger strike we can't speak with you. I asked C.O. Kelly to call medical for chest pains and bloodsugar check and they were denied at 11:45 am I refused meal 13. Af 4:00pm I refused meal 14. On 12-17-20 ground 12:30 gm I was throwing up when next I remember waking up on the ground, which is on the cell observation comera en no help came. I asked the night good for medical and he said he can't call due to I'm on a honger strike Around 7:20 am I refused meal 15. Around 10:00gm Major Smith came to talk to me about the hunger Strike. I told him what happened with the durcide watch policy gand I was being refused medical and mental health, He said he would let me know what he could find out, I never recieved an answer. At 11:45 an I refused meal 16. At 4:00 pm I refused meal 17. On 12-18-20 ct 7:15 am I refused meal 18. Around 9:30 am I was moved to Pad 50 cell 28 Which is another observation cell with comera right next to Codis desk. Continued p. ZE

2E

Continued Claim 2 p. 20 C.O. Wagner was the 7x3 shift officer and MHS Megan Lebakhen was present the majority of the shift. My water and tollet were off upon arrival to cell 28. I asked C.O. Wagner for water and that it was off along with the toilet. He said " that's our policy is to shot both off and no you egat have water" I screamed out to Megan Lebakken Mits for help on to come talk to me. I asked her to contact CDW Lawa Williams. She told me she wouldn't do either. She sat there the whole Shiff Knowing I'm a mental health patient from prion engagements and that my water and toilet were off and refused me hep. Ground 12:00pm I refused meal 19. I continued to cole for holp and for C.O. Wagner to Call a sargeout or medical and he refused. I ended the hunger strike at 5:00 pm for fear of my life. I returned to cell ZOB in solitory confinement where my cell make Jeff Bauer stated he was in cell 28 on 50 before me and C.O. Wagner shut his water off too. They violated policy and put my life in danger.

VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

A.	Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?
	Yes
	□ No
	If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).
	Alleghery Lounty Jail
B.	Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?
	X Yes
	☐ No
	Do not know
C.	Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?
	∑ Yes
	□ No
	Do not know
	If yes, which claim(s)?
	claim 1
	claim 1 Claim 2

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D.	Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?			
,	Yes			
	☐ No			
	If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?			
	Yes			
	☐ No			
E.	If you did file a grievance:			
2.				
	1. Where did you file the grievance?			
	Alleghery County Jail Grievance Box POD BD			
	Grievance Box POD BU			
	2. What did you claim in your grievance?			
	See Attached p. 3,3A,3B			
	3. What was the result, if any?			
	No Result			
	4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)			
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	See Attached p.4			

Grievance I - Complaint Category - Mental Health

On 12-12-20 to 12-14-20 I was housed on BE (ell)

208 in a suicide gown after it was alected to Michelle

K. MHS and SCT Gillespie I was suicide of was kept

in RHU instead of being moved to a mental health

pod for observation. There was no 15 min observation

round's done or documented. Multiple alects were put in

my medical report to move me to 50, which was never

done: I had no access to mental health or medical;

my call button was ignoved or I was told they

would rofuse to call. My life was in danger being I

was not mentally sound at the time, This violated

jail policy as well as my 8th and 14th amendments.

This issue needs resolved due to the danger of puthing

my like in jeopardy.

Gnevare 2 - Complaint Category - Jail procedure

On 12-15-20 in RHU BE Cell 208 I was on a hunger

Strike due to not reciping medical attention. At 6:50 and

I refused meal 9, At 11:35 am I refused meal 10 and at

4:00 pm I refused meal 11. Policy states after meal 9

I'm to be transferred for medical observation to a pool

with the correct staff. Instead my water was shut off

and toilet in RHU and I was not from ferred until

later that night around 9:00 pm. Continued p. 3A

Continued Grievance 2 p. 3

Policy was broken end my life was put in
imminent danger. My 8th and 14th amondments were
violated due to this punishment. This issue needs to
be resolved so it puts no other lives as well as my own
in danger:

Grevance 3 - Complaint Category - Medical

My 8+0 and 14th amendments were violated. Between

12-15-20 to 12-18-20 I was on 5C15D for a hunger

Strike: My water and forlet were start off. I was

denied blood sugar chack, blood pressure checks, or any
help, I was denied by nouse's, PA's, and mental

health. One in particular who kept telling me she

didn't care was Megan be bakken. They said they

vere told due to a hunger strike I could not recioue

help, This is against policy and my life was put in

danger: I'm seeking monetary damages. These can be

dircussed with my attorney.

Grievance 4- Complaint Category - Staff Conduct
My 8th and 14th amondment rights were violated. I
was on Pop 50 from 12-17-20 to 12-18-20. C.O Wagner
Shut my vater and toilet off in cell 28 while I was
on a hunger strike. Continued p. 3B

Continued Gredance 4 p. 3A

Stating "I'll fucking break you". I was denied mental health and medical from him, and denied toilet paper, soap, and toothbrush, I had to wringte and defeate on top of each other. He put my life in danger. In seeking monetary damages.

Grevance 5 - Complaint Category - Mental Health

On 12-17-20 and 12-18-20 my 14th and 8th

Gimendment rights were violated during this time. I vas

on a hunger strike and placed on pod 50 cell 28.

I repeatedly pleaded for help from Mits Megan

hebakker who was at the C.O. desk with C.O. wagner

who had shut my toilet and water off to break me.

She said she was ignoring me due to I was on a

hunger strike. I'm a mental health patient within

this facility. She knows I just got off suicide wateh

and allowed me to suffer. To replue this issue she

needs to be fired and I need paid monetony domages.

2. The grievance process is as far as I cantake it per ACJ hand book and ACJ grievance rules,

Grivance 3, 4, 5 eve all written on inmate requests due to the ACT removing all paper forms of grivances.

Staff Conversations

The Worden orlando Hosper did a round at 12:00pm and I alerted him to everything that happen per both my claims. I had a cellmate Telf Baver as a vitness to that conversation.

17-17-20 Major Smith came to see me while on a honger strike on Pop SC cell I. I let him know what happened to that point on both claims

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	F.	If you did not file a grievance:		
		1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:		
		N/A		
		2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:		
		N The state of the		
		N/A		
	G.	Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.		
		See Attached Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4,5		
		(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)		
VIII.	Previo	us Lawsuits		
	The "three strikes rule" bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has "on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facili brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this "three strikes rule"?			
	Y	es es		
	N/V			
	If yes, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.			

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A.	Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action? Yes No			
В.	If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)			
	Parties to the previous lawsuit Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s)			
	2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)			
	3. Docket or index number			
	4. Name of Judge assigned to your case			
	5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit			
	6. Is the case still pending? Yes			
	If no, give the approximate date of disposition.			
	7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)			
C.	Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?			

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	Yes
	No
D.	If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)
	1. Parties to the previous lawsuit Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s)
	2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)
	3. Docket or index number
	4. Name of Judge assigned to your case
	5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit
	6. Is the case still pending? Yes No If no, give the approximate date of disposition
,	7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)

IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

	Date of signing:	-5-21		
	Signature of Plaintiff Printed Name of Plaintiff Prison Identification # Prison Address	Justin M. Miller DOC- 163590 950 2nd Ave Pittsburgh City	P.A. State	15719 Zip Code
В.	For Attorneys			
	Date of signing:	 ,		
	Signature of Attorney			
	Printed Name of Attorney			
	Bar Number			
	Name of Law Firm			
	Address			
		City	State	Zip Code
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